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At the Kansas State University Gardens in Manhattan, visitors experience the change of seasons first hand. From early May through October, the kaleidoscope of color is constantly changing.

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Second Lt. Jeremy Ebdrup hugs his daughter, Summer, 15 months, during a deployment ceremony at Fort Riley for 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

1st Brigade Combat Team preparing for deployment

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Soldiers of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division were honored Aug. 28, during a deployment ceremony at Hanger 817, Marshall Army Air Field.

The 1st BCT soldiers will join the 3,500 soldiers already deployed from 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division and 937th Engineer Group in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Col. Buck Connor, commander, 1st BCT, spoke after the ceremony about the brigade's readiness for dealing with any situation that might arise during the deployment to the Central Command area of responsibility and the weather they trained in at Fort Riley.

"Before any deployment, my thoughts are always with the soldiers. Have I trained them enough? Have I done everything I can as a commander? And, I feel that we have. The great team we have here at Fort Riley has prepared this brigade to deploy and fight..." said Connor.

"Training in heat of 104 - 108 degrees worked out," he said. "Heat won't be an issue."

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, expressed to the crowd his thoughts on the combat team.

"What I present to you, ladies and gentlemen, is what I consider one of the finest teams of one of the finest armies of the greatest nation on Earth," he said. "My conclusion, as I look at this great team, is that this is a fit, disciplined, cohesive team. It is led by versatile and skilled leaders who know their business, both at warfighting and peace-

keeping. This force is truly fit to fight and ready to keep the peace," he said.

Hardy also said what he thought of the soldiers' families during this time of deployment.

"Without you, the soldiers would not be able to accomplish their mission — without your support, dedication and your endurance," he said.

Family members expressed their pride and excitement at the ceremony as well.

"There is no description to the level of pride we have for anybody in the military, let alone our son," said Merle Leners, father of Maj. Marty Leners, 1st BCT. "We're as excited about this as anybody, and we are anxious to get this started so we can get it over with and have him come back home."

The ceremony attracted the attention of Kansas Congressman Jerry Moran.

"I am here because I want to lend my support, on behalf of other Kansans and Americans, to what these soldiers are doing and what they are about. We want to express our gratitude for their willingness to serve their country and to help make our country a safer, more secure place, in light of the War on Terror," said Moran.

Moran said how important it is for people to show their support to not only the soldiers but their families as well.

"I think it is important that other Americans rally around the family members of the deployed soldiers. We should support them — and we should make ourselves available to them to help meet their needs, and to comfort and be with them during their time of need."

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Brandice Levesque is consoled by her mother-in-law, Cathy Medeiros, during the deployment ceremony Aug. 28. Levesque's husband, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Levesque is deploying.

Post-Biles

Armor unit tackles multiple missions, helps brigade prepare

By Daniel R. Eakins

2nd Battalion, 34th Armor

The soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor have been busy since 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division received orders to deploy to the Central Command area of operation. Along with the duties and responsibilities of helping the rest of the brigade prepare for its deployment, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor has also been performing several other missions simultaneously.

ly and on very short notice.

Since July 26, the 2nd Bn., 34th Armor has been performing missions ranging from funeral details to preparing for a National Training Center rotation. All the missions require a great deal of work and a variety of different skills from the soldiers of the battalion. They also require the soldiers and staff to be able to multitask and balance all of these missions at one time and be ready to perform new missions on short notice.

Having recently returned from a three-month deployment to Korea in May, the battalion has been performing routine Red Phase Taskings for the last several months. These taskings include providing funeral details for veterans in the region who have passed away.

Staff Sgt. Vannie L. Williams, a member of the S-2 section, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, has participated in many of these funeral services.

"We've attended funerals in Nebraska,

Kansas and just south of the Kansas border in Oklahoma," said Williams. The battalion provides soldier detail to ensure that American veterans receive the honor and respect they have earned.

The 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor supported the rest of 1st Brigade by loading the brigade's equipment at the railroad at Camp Funston. This mission was carried out by Company C. Over a period of 64 hours, the soldiers of Charlie Company loaded 1,000 vehicles using 27 man-

hours of work.

The battalion has also been assisting the rest of the 1st Brigade Combat Team with training in preparation for deployment. According to the battalion S-3 section, this support has included stakes lane training. The training will help the soldiers of 1st Brigade be prepared for successfully performing any mission they are called to do.

The 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor has

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New bridge joins communities in Baghdad

By John Wollaston

3rd BCT PAO

BAGHDAD, Iraq - For nearly 20 years, the people of the Ghazalya and al-Shu'lah districts of Baghdad had pleaded for a new bridge to connect their neighborhoods. Instead, all they received from the regime of Saddam Hussein was silence and a foul smelling 30-foot wide river of raw sewage to keep the districts separated.

But that's all changed now. Exactly one month after the ground breaking, a ribbon cutting for the new Hamza Bridge was held with nearly 200 local residents and several local officials on hand to participate in the ceremony.

Through the joint effort of engineers from 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division's Company B, 70th Engineers (Combat), and local Iraqi contractors, the districts that were separated for so long have, quite literally, been bridged.

"The people have been very happy about this project from the start," said 1st Lt. John Prettyman, platoon leader, 3rd Platoon,

Co. B, and the project's coordinator. "When we told them we were building a bridge for them, the people offered us food, security, anything we needed. They've been really supportive."

The bridge itself is a four-lane affair with sidewalks on either side to allow pedestrians as well as traffic to cross in both directions. Drainage pipe was laid into the foundation to re-direct some

of the sewage that formed a barrier river between the two areas. A little over 400,000 cubic meters of sewage was removed to allow the bridge to be completed. As an offshoot of the bridge project, a sewage pump station is being rebuilt to drain the remainder of the harmful liquid from the trench.

Not only will this bridge bring two formerly hard to access sec-

tions of Baghdad together, there are economic and traffic flow issues that are improved with the opening of the new bridge. At its north end is the al-Shu'lah market area, which will benefit from increased access.

"Before we started this project, traffic was completely at a standstill by noon," Prettyman said. He estimates that with the opening of the bridge, traffic congestion has been reduced by between 34 to 45 percent.

Even more amazing than the bridge itself was the cooperation between the Army and local Iraqi contractors who worked together, side by side, to get the project done. Very little of the hands-on building of the bridge was done by the engineers. The labor and materials came from the Iraqi people. "We provided as much support as we could," Prettyman said. "The rest was done by the locals."

The success of the partnership in building the Hamza Bridge bodes well for future joint projects in the area.

"We're not going to stop here," Prettyman said with a smile. "This is just the first step."



3rd BCT/Wollaston

Leaders from the Ghazalya and al-Shu'lah districts of Baghdad along with Lt. Col. Eric Nantz, commander, 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Engineer Regiment, cut the ribbon on the Hamza Bridge.

Country still fighting war, honoring those lost

By Ryan D. Wood

Staff Writer

Sept. 11, has become a nation-wide day of remembrance for a country still fighting a war that began on that day two years ago. For the soldiers and civilians of Fort Riley, Sept. 11, will be marked by a prayer breakfast at King Field House, 6:30 a.m.

"We want to bring the Fort Riley military community and the surrounding communities together to remember Sept. 11," said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Otto Schnarr, command chaplain, 6025th Garrison Support Unit. "We want to remember those who tragically perished as a result of 9/11. We want to remember the brave men and women of the armed forces, the DOD civilians, the fire fighters, police officers, civilians and all the public servants who were involved and risked their lives to try to save the victims of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. We also want to remember and offer prayer for the survivors as they go through the difficult process of finding healing and consolation."

The breakfast observance will include prayers from post chaplains and words from Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley. The theme for the breakfast is "In God We Trust."

"This is a very appropriate theme for the troubling times that we are living in," said Schnarr. "It is important that we as a military community place our trust, confidence and faith in God. The theme 'In God we trust' is of course on our currency, but

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If your Child Tax Credit refund has not arrived, check with IRS

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

Since July 25, the IRS has been sending out checks to Americans as part of the Child Tax Credit refund passed by Congress during the spring session. Although the final mailing was completed on Aug. 8, the IRS has established a web page to help those who are unsure if they qualified for the

credit. According to the IRS website, www.irs.gov, the refunds were based on the 2002 tax year, with those people who qualify for the refund automatically receiving the check in the mail. Some of the qualifications that the IRS listed are:

- Taxpayers must have claimed the Child Tax Credit on the 2002 tax return.
- Taxpayers must have used Form 1040 or Form 1040A, or filed electronically.

- The child must have been born after 1986. Some families will not be eligible for the refund. Some of the taxpayers who may not be eligible are:
- Taxpayers who filed Form 1040EZ, which doesn't provide for claiming dependents or the Child Tax Credit.
- Taxpayers who had income that exceeded certain limits.
- Taxpayers whose only children were born before 1987.

- Taxpayers whose only child was born in 2003.
- Taxpayers whose Child Tax Credit and Additional Child Tax Credit for 2002 totaled less than \$600 for each qualifying child because of the tax liability and earned income limitations.

People who think they may be eligible and who did not receive the check should access the IRS website and click on the "Where's My Advance Child Tax Credit?" link located on the IRS home-

page. From this page, click on the "Go Get My Advance Child Tax Credit Status!" link. Information, including your social security number and tax filing status, along with the number of exemptions that you claimed, will need to be entered into the form, which is submitted electronically. Information about your eligibility and

the status of your refund is then made available on the site with information on contacting the IRS if there is a problem or if a check has not been received. For more information on the Child Tax Credit refund, visit the IRS web site, contact your company financial NCO or the Legal Assistance Office, 239-3117.



Capt. Daniel Eickstedt, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, is weighed by Pfc. Tamika Jackson, 6025th Garrison Support Unit, during manifesting for his deployment to the Central Command area of operation.

Ceremonial bugle approved for funerals

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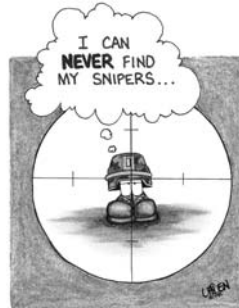
The Department of Defense announced recently it has approved the use of the ceremonial bugle as an alternative to the recorded version of Taps played on stereo at military funerals. The decision was made by the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Charles S. Abell based on positive survey results from a six-month test of the bugle.

The ceremonial bugle consists of a small cone-shaped device inserted deep into the bell of a bugle that plays an exceptionally high-quality rendition of Taps that is virtually indistinguishable from a live bugler. The department worked with private industry to invent the bugle.

The ceremonial bugle will be offered to families as an alternative to the pre-recorded Taps played on a stereo, but will not be used as a substitute for a live bugler when one is available. Live buglers will continue to play at veterans' funerals whenever available.

The Department of Defense provides military funeral honors free of charge to thousands of veterans' families each year. The ceremonial bugle is intended to enhance the dignity of military funeral honors. These honors demonstrate the nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have honorable served their country. The ceremonial paying of respect is a final tribute to their service.

Grunt By Wayne Ulden



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Moran said. Moran expressed pride, yet concern for the soldiers of the combat team and their families. "When I look out at the soldiers, I see individuals who have got a lot of responsibilities and a tough tour of duty ahead of them," he said. "My prayers and thoughts are with them, and I see them looking at their families, knowing that this is a very tough time for them. I also see folks who are very committed to doing their job," Moran said. Hardy said how appropriate it was to say good-bye to the soldiers in the same place he will be welcoming them home one year from now. "I expect to welcome all of you home one year from now in this very spot," he said.



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1st Armored Division dedicates Iraq dining facility to Bob Hope

By Shauna McRoberts
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Task Force 1st Armored Division's dining facility was dedicated to Bob Hope's memory in a ceremony at Baghdad International Airport Aug. 24.

"Today we honor one of our own, a truly great friend of America's soldiers, Bob Hope," said Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, commanding general, 1st Armored Division.



1st Armored Division

Staff Sgt. Robert S. Potter Jr., 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, and Spc. Omid P. Zehrab, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, unveil the plaque officially dedicating the 1st Armored Division dining facility to Bob Hope.

Hope died July 27 shortly after his 100th birthday.

He was one of television's most renowned comedians and actors, worked in vaudeville, radio, film, television and most prominently as a United Services Organization entertainer. Hope spent much of World War II traveling the globe to entertain allied troops, a service he performed with gusto during wars in Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East. His "entertain-the-troops" tours became his enduring signature.

"For several generations of soldiers, Bob Hope brought us a piece of home, an infectious smile, great entertainment and a brief break from the rigors of combat," said Dempsey. "Wherever there were U.S. soldiers in harm's way, Bob Hope was there with them. In the Pacific Islands, the hills of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam and the sands of Desert Storm, Bob Hope was there."

Staff Sgt. Robert S. Potter Jr., an imagery analyst with Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Company, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, and Spc. Omid P. Zehrab, a tanker assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Armored Division's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, unveiled the sign and the plaque, officially dedicating the dining facility to Bob Hope.

The facility, which is open 24 hours daily, serves chow to thousands of 1st Armored Div. soldiers. "This will be a place for soldiers to relax, joke with friends, tell stories and watch a little football," said Dempsey. "It will host the USO shows that Bob made famous, and it will help keep those smiles on the faces of the next generation of American soldiers, doing their duty far from home."

Talk Around Town

"What is your favorite part of Apple Day/Open House?"



"It was a change from everyday work. I got to show civilians what the Army is all about and how we work."



"It was nice to see all of the public support for Fort Riley."



"I enjoyed all of the static displays and hands on demonstrations because it showed my family a little bit of what I do every day."

Pvt. Joey Munoz
Company A,
1st Engineer Battalion

Spc. Thomas Sweet
1st Battalion, 5th Field
Artillery

Capt. Heath Bushell
1st Battalion, 16th
Infantry

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also been performing Rear Detachment duties for the rest of the brigade. This mission assists the over 1,000 soldiers who will stay behind and over 8,000 family members of deployed soldiers who will need support while the brigade is performing its overseas missions in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

Recently, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and two companies of the battalion, completed their annual services on

vehicles, said Capt. Paul E. Deegan, battalion maintenance officer.

"HHC performs services almost constantly. Alpha recently completed services and Charlie performed services after gunnery," Deegan said.

Finally, the battalion itself has been training and preparing for rotation 3-09 at the National Training Center. The 2nd Bn., 34th Armor is picking up the slot that was originally going to be

filled by 1st Battalion, 34th Armor. Having received the mission on short notice, the soldiers and staff have kicked it into high gear to get parts of the battalion that are going ready. Five tanks from Charlie Company completed Tank Table VIII Gunnery Aug. 21 - 23, in order to qualify crews to perform live fire while at NTC. In addition, the battalion has been preparing its own equipment and personnel for transportation to Fort Irwin, Calif.

70th Heavy Tank Battalion/Armor Assoc. to hold reunion

The 70th Heavy Tank Battalion/Armor Association is having a reunion in Radcliff, Ky., and at Fort Knox, Ky., Thursday through Saturday at the Gold Vault Inn. Saturday is the date of the Golden Armor Festival of Radcliff/Fort Knox, which celebrates the beginning of the relationship between the two.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday. Friday will be filled mostly with business meetings, with the opportunity for the Association members to meet the two guests, veterans of the Iraq War who are back in the United States due to wounds or having been in the Mid East a prescribed time. They are Sgt. T. Labarre, gunner, Company C, 70th Armor, and Spc. C. Douglas

Detria, Company A, 70th Armor. Col. (retired) Edward Corcoran, Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor will be in attendance.

Participants will march in a parade and there will be a small detachment of Desert Storm 70th veterans and hopefully some from the WW II.

Reservations for the banquet on Saturday are necessary and may be made through the 70th Heavy Tank Battalion/Armor Association at the Gold Vault Inn on Friday.

Any person having served in the 70th at any time is welcome both at the Gold Vault Inn and the banquet.

For more information, e-mail hcartjr@mindspring.com

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we need to have that theme in our hearts. Our trust in God will enable us to cope with the issues and circumstances that life brings us."

The post chaplains welcome anyone to attend the breakfast, regardless of their personal faith or beliefs.

"It is important that we as a military community bring together different faiths for this prayer breakfast. We as a military and as a nation strongly support diversity of faith," said Schnarr. "This memorial prayer breakfast is an opportunity for people of all faiths to come together and pray for our nation and our soldiers and their families."

Initially, event planners had requested a donation from people wishing to attend the breakfast to cover the cost of the food, but the chaplain's office has paid for the breakfast in order to promote attendance.

"We are encouraging soldiers, DOD civilians, family members and anyone in our community to attend this memorial prayer breakfast," said Schnarr. "We know that many of our own Fort Riley soldiers are deployed, but we want to make this special event available to everyone in our community. We are offering this prayer breakfast free of charge to anyone who wants to attend."

The breakfast allows the sol-

diers and civilians a time of remembrance and a time to honor those soldiers, both here and deployed, who are fighting to protect America from future events such as those on 9/11, said Schnarr.

"Not only do we want to remember," he said, "but we want to stand together as a community to continue to the fight against terrorism."

"We stand together to support our president and support and defend our Constitution, our Nation and our freedoms," Schnarr said.

For more information on the breakfast, contact any unit chaplain or the post chaplain's office, 239-3359.

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Commentary

Brigade commander updates troop missions, living conditions

It has been over seven months since 3rd Brigade units began their deployment to Iraq and over four months since the entire brigade combat team began combat operations in Baghdad. This is a good time to provide everyone an update on where the brigade has been, where we are now and where we are going.

I would first like to explain why we are here and what we must accomplish, not only as an Army, but also as a Nation.

The foundation of U.S. policy in Iraq is that Iraq belongs to the Iraqis. Coalition forces are here to liberate the country, not conquer or exploit it. We intend for the Iraqis to run their own government as soon as possible, and we are taking care that Iraq's economic resources are used honestly, efficiently and clearly for the benefit of the Iraqi people. Our overall objectives for Iraq are to improve security, increase the quality of life and create an Iraq that is democratic and self-governing. Although the United States is leading this effort, these objectives should be a matter of concern for all countries, not just the United States.

Besides combat operations, security is our most important and critical objective. It is fundamental to recognize that security, economic and political objectives are closely interrelated and must be mutually supportive. Without security, we cannot rebuild the Iraqi infrastructure and protect it from sabotage. Without security, Iraqi political life cannot thrive. Iraqis must feel secure enough to practice those basic tenets of democracy such as freedom of religion, freedom of assembly and freedom of speech, without intimidation or fear for their lives.

Reinvigorating Iraqi political life and creating institutions of Iraqi self-government are keys to improving security and improving the economy. The Iraqi people are not accustomed to rely, even in government. Until Iraqis fully absorb the fact that they are responsible for their own destiny, we cannot expect their unreserved contributions to improving security and reviving the economy. The security situation in Iraq is complex.

In some areas, we are engaged in combat operations and in others, stability operations. We have to deal with at least five different groups of troublemakers: remnants of the Ba'athist Former Regime, Loyalists, Foreign Islamist terrorists, Islamists influenced by Iran, looters who are taking advantage of an opportunity to steal and the general criminality that was let loose when the repressive apparatus of a totalitarian regime suddenly disappeared. This is only magnified by the fact that last year, the Saddam Hussein regime suddenly released thousands of criminals from its prisons.

We have made tremendous progress in these areas along with providing basic services, although we continue to encounter setbacks due to sabotage and looters. One reason the saboteurs have been somewhat effective is that the Iraqi infrastructure was in disrepair before the war began. Saddam's neglect of the basic infrastructure is now taking its toll. It is important again to distinguish among the various parts of the country -- in particular, between Baghdad and elsewhere. News coverage, understandably, tends to concentrate on Baghdad, where we find the most severe problems in providing basic services such

as electricity and water. Elsewhere in the country the situation is better -- and in some areas, services flourish that never even existed or are more reliable than they were before the war.

Now that you know the basics for our tasks and purposes for being here -- let me shift to where we have been and what your loved ones and friends face on a daily basis.

First, I want you to know what we did prior to deploying to Iraq. It is important to understand how hard these soldiers have worked, with well over a third of the brigade having only fourteen days off in the last fifteen months. These fifteen months will stretch to twenty-two months by the time we redeploy back to Fort Riley. Starting last spring, approximately 1500 soldiers from the brigade deployed to Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Spring. After six months in the Kuwaiti Desert, Task Force 1-41, made up of over one-third of the brigade, redeployed back to Fort Riley, in October 2002. At the same time, the remainder of the brigade began preparing for our National Training Center Rotation. We trained hard at Fort Riley and even harder at the NTC. Before we returned from the NTC, we received orders for deployment to Iraq. The 1-41 Infantry and 2-70 Armor immediately deployed and were important players in the march to Baghdad during the ground war. By the middle of April, the rest of the brigade joined the fight in Iraq and we have been here ever since. The newfound freedoms that this brigade has helped grant Iraqis cost us some of our most precious assets. Unfortunately, to date, the brigade has had four soldiers killed in action and seventy-seven soldiers wounded in action, over the course of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Our soldiers and leaders face daily stresses and uncertainties that require them to stay 100 percent alert at all times when leaving their Forward Operating Bases or on guard around their bases. Either on guard or outside the FOB, our weapons are loaded and ready. We work 24/7 with no days off, in temperatures that exceed 150 degrees heat index. Until recently, we ate three MREs a day and had limited drinking water, which was hot or warm at best. When we had time to sleep, we fought off mosquitoes and things you could not see that had teeth, as well as other life forms of which I am not sure what they were: insects, arthropods or some type of tiny mammal. At the same time, we lived and operated in areas that a junkyard dog would not enter. I am happy to say now -- this is not the case, and we will continue to improve our quality of life until the day we depart. What I ask of these soldiers and given the conditions in which they work, I cannot say enough how proud and honored I am to lead such a talented and brave group of men and women, who have been operating under very difficult and

austere conditions. They know their mission. They are focused, determined and know when and how to use brute force or finesse. I know their efforts will be highlighted in our history books.

The Bulldog Brigade is settled in the heart of Baghdad, attached to the 1st Armored Division stationed out of Germany. Our task organization consists of the following Fort Riley units: 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, 70th Engineer Battalion, 125th Forward Support Battalion, 596th Signal Company, the Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry and Company C, 1st Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery. The 1st Bn, 41st Inf., minus Co. A, along with Co. C, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, have already redeployed to Fort Riley after spending most of the last year here in Southwest Asia. Additionally, the paratroopers of 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, from Fort Bragg, as well as Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs and a Reserve Military Police Company from Connecticut, are part of the brigade. Together, this team of great Americans conducts combat, stability and security operations, establishes local governments and is improving quality of life for us all. Let me briefly talk about each one of these.

The brigade conducts numerous combat operations. We have captured dozens of former regime loyalists, "Fedayeen" members, criminals, terrorists and paramilitary personnel. In the process, we have captured thousands of weapons, millions of dollars and numerous intelligence related materials. All of this contributes to the fact that the former regime is not returning. We will continue these types of operations as long as required to do so. In fact, many of the operations we have conducted are directly related to the famous deck of cards or top 55 wanted persons.

Combat patrols, raids, cordon and searches, air assaults, traffic control points and other combat operations take up most of our time. However, stability and security operations consume a lot of our time as well, and the majority of our resources. The intent of the stability and security operations is to bring peace and a return of normalcy for the Iraqi population. We guard critical sites related to the Iraqi infrastructure. We secure neighborhoods, banks, embassies, roadways and power stations. We even guard Iraqi police stations along with other key sites determined by the Coalition Provisional Authority. We have influenced the spending of millions of dollars to provide emergency relief to the citizens of western Baghdad and employed over 1000 Iraqis to assist us. Additionally, numerous projects to improve schools, hospitals, orphanages, public services and the overall quality of life for Iraqis have consumed an enormous amount of time, manpower, labor and other resources. We do

this while many people are trying to kill us through sniper attacks, drive by shootings, car bombs and Improvised Explosive Devices that are command detonated as we drive by on roads, and explosive devices that have trip-wires to trigger hand grenades or other types of explosives under bridges or other trafficked areas. The enemies we fight are not soldiers, but are soldiers have honor. We are fighting cowards and thieves that contribute nothing to society but hatred and discontent.

Establishing local governments consumes the brunt of our civil-military operations. Our areas of Baghdad were the first to stand up Neighborhood Advisory Councils and District Advisory Councils, organizations made up of local Iraqi leaders similar to what we know in the states as city councils. These councils are the first steps toward self-governance by the Iraqi people. Working hand in hand with Iraqi citizens, we teach them about the democratic process, while leading them down the path of self-governance. These first steps in this process are small, painful and require extreme patience. Education and being a good example are keys to making this process work. It is important to note that we are helping Iraqis accomplish things over a period of months that took our country several years to achieve. It took eight years to win our war of independence, four more years to establish our Constitution and many more years to ensure the rights of all of our citizens.

Force protection is our top priority, along with our soldier's quality of life. Although we do not

live at the same standard we enjoy in the states, nor will we ever, the quality of life gets better every day. Most of our soldiers have access to air conditioning and all sleep with a roof over their heads. Running water, sewer and electricity parallel what the Iraqi population receives. In the near future, all our battalions will have internet cafes installed, which will improve their ability to communicate with you at home. Our soldiers are getting plenty to eat, have plenty of water and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities longest have already enjoyed the benefits of these programs. Our leaders are being innovative and going beyond the norms to make our lives back in our Forward Operating Bases the best we can. We all need a place to come back to after patrols and other combat operations to decompress, relax and ready ourselves for the next mission. We will continue to improve the quality of life, along with force protection measures, until the day we depart for home.

Finally, where are we going? As the long, hot, dog days of the Baghdad summer are coming to an end, we will continue to focus on the areas listed here. The Army has published a rotation plan and, while I make no promises, I expect the Bulldog Brigade to return home in early 2004. The leaders of this brigade will ensure that our soldier's quality of life continues, as we care for their health and welfare and in getting them back home safely. We have

and will continue to "make a difference" and remember those that have fallen for a just cause. Your loved ones are performing magnificently and conducting themselves under extremely trying times with dignity and respect.

The people of Iraq think we can perform miracles. They think our sunglasses can see through clothes, our night vision devices can see through walls and our body armor is air-conditioned. The white stuff on our uniforms is believed to be frost or coolant, stains from Freon, rather than salt from sweat stains by wearing heavy body armor in over 120 degree temperatures. It is also important to know that not all Iraqi people are out to get us. There are many who are afraid we will leave them and appreciate all we do and the sacrifices we make here and at home. Your loved ones are a part of history and represent all that is good. I cannot express in words how proud I am of them and ask you to continue to support us as we move forward. We all want to come home as soon as possible.

In closing, I would like to thank the Family Readiness Groups, families and friends, the command and staff at Fort Riley and the surrounding communities that send us letters and care packages, and all those volunteers that are our unsung heroes that work behind the scenes, not for glory or recognition, but for a just cause. God Bless you all and our great country.

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Briefs

Apple Day

It's that time of year. The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley is preparing Apple Pies for this year's Apple Day on Oct. 4. Presale Pies are available until Sept. 26 for \$7. Pies will also be sold at Apple Day. Order forms may be picked up or dropped off at 22A Sheridan Ave. on Main Post. Volunteers are needed to help make the pies. To volunteer, call Joanne Gulotta at 784-4922.

K-State/Fort Riley Day

Fort Riley soldiers and their families are invited to attend the K-State Football game at Wagner Field Saturday for a discounted price to celebrate the annual K-State/Fort Riley Day. Selected Fort Riley soldiers are participating in pre-game and half time activities and a slide show will showcase Fort Riley's 150 years of service to America.

The fifth-ranked Wildcats will play McNeese State at 6:10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Information, Ticketing and Registration, 239-5614, for \$16 each.

Finance Closure

Detachment E, 4th Finance Battalion, building 7636, will not open Sept. 11 until 10:30 a.m. The unit is conducting a change of command ceremony.

Recruit the Recruiter

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Ft. Knox, KY will brief on the challenges,

benefits and opportunities to become recruiters. Attendance by all NCO's is highly encouraged. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty. A personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. Briefings will be held at the Command Retention Office, building 7626, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Team Training

There will be Environmental Team Training Wednesday and Thursday. Call 239-0446 or 239-2334 for more information.

Enlisted Spouses Club

The Enlisted Spouses Club will have an Ice Cream Social Wednesday 7 -9 p.m. at Custer House.

Come and enjoy some great ice cream sundaes and see what the Enlisted Spouses Club is all about. You will have the opportunity to join the club that night. For more information on this event, call 784-3191 or 784-8306.

Vehicle Registration Hours

Effective Monday, the Vehicle Registration Office, building 210, will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. - noon. The office is closed on holidays. Customers should plan to arrive 30 minutes before close of business due to possible delays.

Hunter Education

The Outdoor Recreation Center, building 9011, will host a Hunter Education Class beginning on Thursday. The class will consist of three sessions. The first session will begin at 5:30 p.m., and will last approximately four hours. The second session will begin on Sept. 12, at 5:30 p.m., and will last approximately four hours. The third session will begin at 8:30 a.m., on Sept. 13, and last approximately four hours. Class size will be limited to 35 students. Registration will be at the Outdoor Recreation Center. People must register in person. There is a \$10 deposit per student, which is refundable when the student arrives at class. If there are any questions, call Outdoor Recreation, 239-2363 or 239-2249.

Case Lot Sale

A worldwide case lot sale is coming to the Commissary tomorrow, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. This huge sale will be the third annual "World's Biggest Case Lot Sale" with most of your favorite products available by the case. Don't miss this one! It's a great opportunity to stock the family pantry.

Warrant Officer Recruiting

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky., will brief qualifications and application procedures to soldiers interested in becoming warrant officers. Soldiers interested in becoming

warrant officer technicians or aviators are encouraged to attend one of the briefings. The briefings will be held at the Command Retention Office, building 7626, Oct. 6, 1:30 p.m., Oct. 7, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Oct. 8, 9:30 p.m.

For more information, call DSN: 856-4216 or visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant

CYS Registration

Registration has begun for Child and Youth Services instructional classes in dance, gymnastics, martial arts, cheerleading and piano. Classes begin Tuesday.

The cost for all classes except piano and gymnastics exhibition class will be \$25 per month. Piano will be \$45 per month. Gymnastics exhibition class will be \$35 per month.

Walk-in enrollment is Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., for those who have already been registered with CYS. A sports physical will be required this year. You will have up to 60 days after classes begin to turn in your sports physical.

Call CYS, 239-9478 or 239-4847, for more information.

Thrift Shop

Are you getting ready to move? Let the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help you get ready for the packers. Sort through your belongings and call the Thrift Shop to come and pick up any donations (in good condition) from your house.

Visit the Thrift Shop in building 267, Stuart Ave., 784-3874. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month.

The Shoppe

The Shoppe has the gifts you need to say "Farewell" or "Thank You" to someone special. Come and see what The Shoppe has to offer! The Shoppe is located in building 259, Stuart Ave., 239-2783. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

Mail Training

An Introduction to Unit Mailroom Operations class will be offered Sept. 19, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., building 319, CPAC. Pre-enrollment is required. Call 239-5411 for enrollment.

Commissary Closure

The Fort Riley Commissary is scheduled for a store reset Sept. 23. The reset will require the store to be closed for one day only, Sept. 23, and the store will re-open for normal business Sept. 24.

Legal Assistance/Claims Hours Change

Due to the new schedule that was implemented Sept. 1, the Fort Riley Legal Assistance and Claims Offices will be changing hours to accommodate the new schedule.

The Fort Riley Legal Assistance Office will now be open for walk-in notaries and Powers of

Attorney Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The office will be closed during Sergeant's Time Training on Friday, but will open from 3 - 4 p.m. on those days. The office will be closed on federal and training holidays.

To speak to an attorney, you need to call for an appointment, unless it is an emergency. If you have questions about the new hours or need an appointment, call 239-3117.

The Fort Riley Claims Office will now be open Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Claims will be open on Friday's after Sergeant's Time Training, 3 - 4 p.m.

If you have any questions about the Claims Office, call 239-3830 or 239-2633.

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Piano Lessons

Child and Youth Services is offering piano lessons for children ages 5-18 at the Fort Riley Teen Center beginning this month. Classes will run once a week for one half hour.

For more information, contact CYS, 239-4847

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Letters to the Front

"To Sgt. 1st Class Matt Hinkley, 1st Bn., 41st Inf.: You and all of your soldiers are not forgotten by those who love you the most. We pray every day for your happiness, safety and speedy return. We are so proud of you and the job you are doing. What you do in Iraq today secures a better future for our children tomorrow. Every day that passes is one more day closer to home!"- All our love, Lori, Chris and Hannah Hinkley

"This letter is dedicated to the soldiers of 2nd HET, 2nd Platoon. I want to thank you all for looking out for me when I was injured and making sure that I got the proper treatment necessary. Unfortunately, the time spent with you all was cut short and I was sent back home, but there is not a day that passes by where I don't sit and think of you all and pray for your speedy return. It is always good to know that no matter what, I can count on the support of my platoon, even when no one else seems to care. I am doing much better now, and the past three weeks have been free of headaches, and I thank God for that. To Pfc. Juarez, thanks for taking Combat Life Saver class seriously. Sgt. Guguire, thanks for getting me help. Third Squad, thanks for being the best. Staff Sgt. Childers, thanks for getting me help, and to Sgt. 1st Class Wilson, thanks for taking care of soldiers and not backing down, even when it seems everyone is against you. There will be a big party when you all get back and please be safe. If you need anything, please let me know. Love all of you."- Sgt. Freeman Williams Jr., 2nd HET, 2nd Platoon, Fayetteville, North Carolina

"Another restless night here in beautiful downtown Oberlin, Kan. It is about 3:30 a.m., and I find myself taking a peaceful walk around town. Besides the night cop, a few guys over at the Farmers Co-op and myself, most everyone else in Oberlin is asleep. I am enjoying this peaceful night's walk because people like you are in some far-off land doing your job and keeping the bad guys away from Main Street, USA. I hope you are getting the American flag decals I have been sending. Since 'Soldier of Fortune' gave out my address, I moved to Oberlin — up here in the northwest corner of the state. On the move out here from Wheeling, West Virginia, I passed by Fort Riley and said a short prayer for your safe and speedy return home. And every day, or night, depending on how work is going, I stop and reflect on the job you are doing. You are in my thoughts and my prayers, and I thank each and every one of you for the risks you are taking. I wish I could click my heels together and you would all be safely back home in Kansas, but I can't. So I'll just wish you that safe and speedy return home."- Philip Spotts, Oberlin, Kan.

"To my husband, Pfc. William Dean Richardson, and the soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry: You have all made your families, your friends and America proud! Keep up the hard work and stay safe. Keep your heads low and your spirits high. You are all loved and missed! Dean, I am very proud of you, and I am counting down the days until you



U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Paul L. Anstine II
Staff Sgt. Matthew Dordal, Gatlinburg, Tenn., passes mail out to his driver, Lance Cpl. Adam Julian, Joliet, Ill., near the Baghdad Olympic Stadium.

are on American soil and in my arms. Stay safe and take care of each other."- Love, Teara Richardson, military spouse and huge supporter of our troops

"This is to you, soldier. I want to thank you for what you do each day on my and my family's behalf. No matter your location in the world, I truly appreciate your commitment, willingness and interest in serving to keep the freedoms we all enjoy alive in the U.S. I know you will continue to be called on in the coming months and years to sacrifice and serve selflessly. There is not enough that our country or I can do to express how much your efforts mean to us. I wish you the best of luck in carrying out whatever your assignment might be, and know that you and your peers are in our prayers. Please be safe, and

thank you so deeply for all that you have done in recent months and will do in the future to keep our country safe and free. I also want you all to know that there are people like me who truly are thinking about and praying for you all. You are special people and deserve so much for this. I believe that in one way or another, you will be honored for this. You all are in my heart! Lots of love and support to you all!"- Praying for you all, Contessa Foracci, University of Kansas law student, Lawrence, Kan.

"To our son, Capt. Joel W. Huelsmann, who will be deploying soon: While we will miss you, we realize that the Army and defending your country is your chosen profession. We pray for you and all the young men and women serving in the armed

forces. God bless and God speed."- Ron Huelsmann, military father

"To Spc. Russell D. Walters, 1st Bn., 16th Inf.: All of our love from Knoxville to West Palm to Dallas and back to Tampa!"- Robert M. Walters

"To Pfc. Jonathan Watson, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor: I haven't heard from you in a long time. Please write, so we know you're okay. Have you been receiving my letters and packages? Andrea went to the post last week to talk to you, and when she arrived she found out it was a Joseph Watson. We were all very, very sad. Please write or e-mail as soon as possible. We all worry about you terribly when we don't hear from you. If I send you an international calling card, can you use it where you're located? Good and happy

news, Carolyn and Brandon have a new little baby girl. She's 6 pounds, 15 ounces and 18 and a half inches long. They named her Jillian Paige. She was born Aug.

26 at 7:45 a.m.!"- Love, Mom and Dad, Cathy Watson, Southborough, Mass.

"To William Rozar: These past months since you have been gone have been full of worry about your safety and those who serve with you, yet they have also been full of pride and respect. I wish everyday for your safe return home. Stay safe and know how much I miss you everyday."- Kristi, Wichita, Kan.

If you would like to send messages of support to troops deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, e-mail your message to afznpomr@riley.army.mil. Soldiers, please include your name, rank, unit and hometown.

Military spouses and civilians, include your name, job and hometown. You can also drop off a message at the Soldier and Family Support Center, building 7264, at the front desk.

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Automotive Skills Center offers free advice, assistance, classes

By William Biles
Staff Writer

Spouses of deployed soldiers from Fort Riley can rest a little easier knowing there is a place they can bring their car if it starts to run badly.

In fact, their car doesn't have to be running bad to bring it to the Automotive Skills Center, building 7753, to receive a free automotive check.

"When they come into the facility, they will need their spouse's deployment orders, their ID card and the registration for their car. Then, we will enroll them into our system and they will be able to use the automobile center," said Beverly Johnson, manager, Automotive Skills Center. "We will give them a 25-point inspection on their vehicle and tell them what we find wrong with it."

The spouse's soldier does not have to be deployed for him or her to bring the car to the center, but there is a small fee.

"Soldiers do not have to be deployed for their spouses to use the facility, but there is a fee that will apply. The fee is \$10, and that is for the inspection," said Johnson.

Johnson said it doesn't matter how good or bad you are with mechanics, or what you do or don't know about fixing cars, to come to the shop and work on your car.

"Even a person with no knowledge of mechanics can be trained here. Once you find out what is wrong with the vehicle, the mechanics here will tell you what

needs to be done to fix it and will teach you if need be," she said. "This shop is a skill and development center. If they are willing to learn, we're willing to teach them."

Patrons that have used the center agree with Johnson.

"I feel I've gained a lot of knowledge coming here," said Gregory Gott. "I know that if I need to fix my brakes again, I know how to do it myself. Every time I come back here, I learn something new. If you get stuck on something, there is always somebody there to help bail you out."

All of the mechanics on site are trained and certified through the shop to provide assistance to the do-it-yourselfers.

"All of our mechanics are trained and certified to work on every aspect of the car. Every thing we do in here, there is someone certified to perform that action," said Johnson.

Not only will patrons learn how to be more self-sufficient when it comes to fixing their car, they could save money in the process.

"I advise anyone who can to come here because, number one, they are going to learn, two, they will get the work done at a fraction of the cost, and three, they will have great people helping them," said Gott.

Corey Henery, another patron of the center, agrees.

"This gives the soldier an opportunity to take care of his own vehicle and saves him some money in the process. It's a lot better than taking it to a car shop



Post/Biles

Corey Henery receives assistance from Johnny Napalan, mechanic, on the front axle of his car at the Fort Riley Automotive Skills Center.

or getting ripped-off downtown . . .," Henery said.

The shop provides everything a person will need to fix their vehicle, and even has some basic parts in stock for the patrons convenience.

"The patrons don't need to bring any tools. All the tools they will need are provided for them by the facility at no charge," Johnson said. She did add that if they desire, patrons can bring their own tools.

"We keep a stock of basic parts for the patrons—oil, belts, oil filters and windshield wipers, things of that nature. If they need to get any parts, we can have the auto parts store deliver them here for them."

The rates to rent bay space at the center are quite affordable.

"None of the shops in town can offer the type of services that we offer at such a low fee. There is no comparison to what we are willing to give to the soldiers, and we are the best automobile shop around," she said.

The on-site mechanics agree with Johnson.

"I would tell people to check other places' prices and then come here and find out what it would take for them to be able to do their own work," said Bobby Kimble, mechanic. "If you have never been in here before, it is a good experience because you are going to save a lot of money, and you're going to learn something in the process."

If it still seems hard to believe that people with no experience or know-how can go to the facility and fix whatever problem there might be with their vehicle, the shop has an answer for that too.

"We offer a basic mechanics

class to everyone interested, Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. They just need to call in advance to set up an appointment for that class," Johnson said. "During the class, we will use one of their (attendees) cars to demonstrate on how to fix certain things and change the fluids at no cost to the owner."

Kimble added, "I would invite people to come to our class and form their own opinion of what we do here."

For more details about the class and what the center has to offer, call 239 - 9764.



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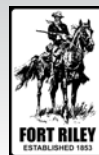
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"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die, and a time to plant and a time to uproot..."

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2



Gardens blossom year round



Sherrailyn C. Cokes, Kansas State University student, above, works on the flower beds at the Kansas State University Gardens. Hundreds of plants and flowers surround the Old Dairy Barn, lower left, at the gardens and a Julia butterfly pauses on a plant in the Conservatory.

129th MPAD Photos/Erhardt

University gardens offer kaleidoscope of color to students, visitors

By Tim Erhardt

129th MPAD

At the Kansas State University Gardens in Manhattan, visitors experience the change of seasons first hand. From early May through October, the kaleidoscope of color is constantly changing as some plants blossom while others fade.

Gregg Eyestone, associate director, KSU Gardens, said what visitors see will depend on the time of year they visit.

"The gardens change on a daily basis," said Eyestone. "September is really spectacular. Most of the fall flowers are blooming now — the golden rods and sunflowers are nice, and the asters." He said that mums will be in bloom next.

Just as the plants develop with the seasons, the area has developed over the years, and it continues to expand as funds become available. The KSU Gardens are a privately funded project located on the cam-

pus in Manhattan. The site is being developed, operated and maintained by the Department of Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources in the College of Agriculture, Kansas State University. Eyestone said six paid employees work at the gardens, but many volunteers help out.

The gardens project's mission is to allow students to become actively involved in development of a world-class garden and to provide a hands-on learning experience.

The grounds and conservatory, containing flowers, plants and greenery, are open to the public for study and enjoyment.

"It's a public display garden. Mostly this is just a relaxing, enjoyable place to visit," said Eyestone. "Research shows that spending time with plant material reduces stress. As far as the campus, we use it for teaching and education for enrolled students, but also for visitors."

Ward Upham heads up the plant response center. He staffs the

information booth on Wednesdays, noon - 2 p.m., May through September, to assist anyone with questions about plants. People can also go to www.oznet.ksu.edu/horticulture for help with plants.

The Kansas State University Gardens has much more than pretty flowers. The Old Dairy Barn was actually a working dairy barn before the area evolved into the gardens. Currently, the barn houses work space for the plant science departments and research space for the university's Department of Entomology. The "Caretakers Cottage" of the barn was converted into a modern visitor center in 1999 — a good place to collect information about the gardens.

Within a wing of the barn is the Insect Zoo. Here guests can view and learn about insects, arachnids and other creepy crawlers. A visit with Bobby Brown, KSU insect diagnostician and assistant curator, is especially informative. Brown is available to assist the public on Wednesdays, noon - 2 p.m. "The idea is so people take time off at

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TRICARE maternity policies explained

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When Congress approved the National Defense Authorization Act of 2002, the legislation authorized the elimination of the Non-availability Statements. Under existing rules, an NAS is required for TRICARE Standard/Extra beneficiaries living within a military treatment facility catchment area in order to receive maternity care from civilian network providers. Because word of this change may raise more questions for both TRICARE Standard and Prime beneficiaries than it answers, an explanation of current TRICARE maternity benefits is in order.

Current rules require a pregnant woman, who is not enrolled in TRICARE Prime (a Standard beneficiary) and who resides within Irwin Army Community Hospital's catchment area, to receive all of her maternity care from IACH, unless she has obtained an NAS. A catchment area is defined as the area within approximately 40 miles of an MTF.

An NAS is an official Department of Defense document, issued by the MTF Commander, which certifies that a specific medical service is not available to a beneficiary at or through the MTF at the time the beneficiary is seeking the service. For instance, if IACH could not offer maternity care, the hospital would issue an NAS for the beneficiary to receive

care from a provider in the TRICARE civilian network.

According to Maternity Care, a TRICARE Management Activity fact sheet, the law mandates that the NAS requirement for maternity care be eliminated on Dec. 28. Women who require prenatal care on or after this date will not be required to obtain an NAS.

However, TMA's fact sheet points out that an NAS will be required for prenatal visits through Dec. 27. The fact sheet advises that, if a woman's first prenatal visit occurs on Dec. 27, 2003, she must obtain the NAS for that visit or she will be responsible for all expenses related to her pregnancy even though she may not deliver until the following summer.

A TRICARE Prime-enrolled dependent who sees her primary care manager at IACH must obtain a referral from her PCM if she wants to receive maternity

care from the local civilian network obstetrician. If a referral is obtained from the PCM, Prime-enrolled active duty family members do not have a co-payment.

Inpatient maternity-care costs at a civilian network hospital will depend on the program option the beneficiary uses. If she is a Prime-

enrolled active duty family member who has obtained a PCM referral, she will have no inpatient maternity care costs at the civilian network hospital.

On the other hand, Prime-enrolled retirees, their family members and survivors

who obtain a referral/authorization will be responsible for a co-pay of \$11 per day or a \$25 minimum charge per admission. These retired Prime beneficiaries have no separate cost-shares for separately billed professional charges or prenatal or postnatal care. At the very least, they will pay \$25

per admission. TRICARE Standard beneficiaries who have obtained an NAS (prior to Dec 28) fall into two categories. Active duty family members using the TRICARE Stan-

dard benefit, with an NAS, have a per diem charge of \$25 minimum per admission. Retirees, their family members and

survivors using Standard have a per diem co-payment of \$417 for FY 2002 or a 25 percent cost-share of billed charges for institutional services-whichever is less-

plus a 25 percent cost-share of the allowable for separately billed professional charges.

Pregnant active duty service-members are not authorized to use the local civilian network providers or the community hospitals unless specifically authorized to do so by the MTF commander.

At Fort Riley, pregnant active duty family members who are TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are required to receive their maternity care at the MTF unless referred to TRICARE civilian network providers by their PCMs.

If a Prime beneficiary chooses to receive her maternity care from a network OB/GYN without obtaining a referral, she will be exercising her point of service option. This does not require dis-

Women's equality celebrated

By Ryan D. Wood

Staff Writer

Fort Riley celebrated Women's Equality Day Aug. 26, with an afternoon of speakers and a food tasting at Barlow Theater.

In the 2003 Women's Equality Day Proclamation to the post, Col. John A. Simpson, garrison commander, Fort Riley, stated the command's support and admiration for those people who worked for and continue to strive for the freedoms and equality that Americans enjoy today.

"Due to the millions of women who planned, organized, lectured, wrote, petitioned, lobbied, paraded and broke new ground in support of women's suffrage, our nation and our world were irrevocably changed," the proclamation stated. "Their dedication to the suffrage movement improved our society and continues to inspire Americans today."

Dr. Gwendolyn Sneed O'Neil, Kansas State professor, was the keynote speaker for the celebration. O'Neil has taught for 28 years in institutions of higher learning and has served as the president of the National Coalition for Black Development in Home Economics, as well as two terms as vice president of Planning of the International Textiles and Apparel Association. Next month, she will assume the responsibility of president for that organization.

In 1999, O'Neil became the first African-American to head an academic department at Kansas State University. She currently serves as professor and department head to the Department of Apparel, Textiles and Interior Design at the university.

Opening her remarks, O'Neil affirmed the command's declaration of support for the day.

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Apple pies may be ordered early

By Bobby Miller
19th PAD

The Historical and Archeological Society of Fort Riley will be selling apple pies at Fort Riley's Apple Day Oct. 4. The pies are \$7 each and the proceeds from the pie sales will go toward scholarships for local students and other programs that benefit soldiers.

Susie Jones, president, HASFR, said the pies will be sold at Fort Riley on Apple Day, and they will probably go fast. The best bet is to pre-order pies. The pre-sale flyer can be found at the Screen Machine in Junction City or Fort Riley National Bank, or you can stop by the porch at 22A Sheridan on post. Look for the Apple Pie sign.

Joanne Gulotta, vice president, HASFR, said the society is in need of volunteers to help with the apple pie baking.

"The apple pie baking will be four-days and will begin on Sept. 29 and end on Oct. 2," Gulotta said. There are two shifts to volunteer for, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., and the society is giving out T-shirts for ten hours of volunteer work. They are looking for approximately 60 volunteers to fill the shifts.

For more information, call 784-4922.

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"The story of the 19th Amendment's passage is one of the greatest in American history," O'Neil said. "The women and men who struggled off and on for 72 years, to include women in the constitution, achieved their goals through a peaceful, although sometimes questionable, revolution without firing a single shot or shedding a single drop of human blood. They persevered until victory was achieved in Nashville on August 18th, 1920, when Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to ratify the amendment."

O'Neil also spoke about the struggle for African-American rights and the vote.

"Men and women who began the struggle did not live to see it end, and most women who celebrated the ratification of the 19th Amendment did not see the fight begin," said O'Neil. "But, the story doesn't end there. The victory was not for all women. For it this great experiment called

democracy, equality was not, and is not, always equal. Some people are more equal than others. While it was the 15th Amendment which gave black men the right to vote, it was the 1964 Civil Rights Act, for all practical purposes, which gave people of color, both men and women, the opportunity to practice that right."

"Unlike the suffrage movement, this revolution was not signed in blood. But, we still know that the low-income individuals, the poorly educated, the American emigrants, are less likely to vote. We know that those who can't read and are afraid to embarrass themselves and ask for help don't vote."

Although the voting rights act has accomplished a great deal, said O'Neil, there is still a great divide in what it has accomplished and what still needs to be done.

"I simply share this to say that there is more work to be done," said O'Neil. "In order for all of us

to live out the equality that many of us take for granted, we must not simply ensure that more voices are heard at the voting booths, but that more women are also found in political leadership roles."

As time came to a close, O'Neil summed up her statements with a final, simple plea to those in the audience, asking that they leave with a goal in mind and an understanding that there was more to be done.

"We must one day come to know that we were all created equal," said O'Neil.

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an individual or \$600 for a family. Once this deductible is met, out-of-pocket cost-shares for care received under the point of service option are 50 percent of TRICARE's maximum allowable charge. Beneficiaries will also be responsible for any additional charges from non-network providers, up to 15 percent above the TRICARE maximum allow-

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To learn more about the point of service option and the catastrophic cap, consult your Prime Member Handbook or www.triwest.com to determine whether your zip code falls within the IACH catchment area, check with your local health benefits advisor or call 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378).

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lunch, and I can identify any insects, spiders, ticks, they bring in. They may have termites or other insects causing damage that I can help them with," said Brown.

A red brick path takes visitors under a flower-covered trellis and through the picturesque rose garden where 260 rose plants consisting of 100 different species are thriving. Photographers will especially enjoy practicing close-up techniques here. Eyestone suggested the best times of day to take pictures are either early morning or later in the day.

The Daylily collection is another interesting part of the gardens. It has become one of the most popular herbaceous perennials to grow. The collection began with a gift of 250 of these flowers in 1996. A display bed is devoted to showing daylily award winners.

A good place to wind up a visit to the gardens is the conservatory. Here, approximately 300 species of plants live in a setting that provides controlled heat and humidity year-round. Built in 1907 and moved to its present location in 1978, the conservatory is divided into tropical, subtropical and desert sections.

Bananas in Kansas? Yes, a dwarf banana plant produces fruit each year in the conservatory. In the desert section there are golden barrel cacti and other prickly types. But, the 10-15 different species of butterflies fluttering

free in the conservatory attract the greatest attention.

"What most people come to see is the butterfly exhibit in the conservatory," said Eyestone. "They like to see butterflies flying year-round."

Relocation of the conservatory was one of the first steps in developing what has become the KSU Gardens. Funded by private donations, development is proceeding in three phases. Phase I saw completion of 1.5 acres that includes the garden gateway, visitor center, rose garden, walkways, lighting and much of what visitors see currently. The Daylily Collection Garden and removal of the Old Hay Barn were completed as part of Phase II. Planned for this phase are a reflecting pool, public parking and other projects. Phase III encompasses nine acres. Several major projects are planned, such as constructing an amphitheater, children's garden and waterfalls.

Eyestone said visitors are wel-

come to simply browse the gardens, to bring a lunch and just enjoy the atmosphere. Snacks and ice cream can be found at Call Hall, a couple of blocks from the gardens. No formal tours need to be arranged, but Eyestone encourages groups of 10-30 set up an escorted tour.

The gardens offer a unique setting for weddings as well. There are cozy nooks for photos, and the flowers are already arranged. For more information on tours, call Diana Edmonds, 532-1401. An average of 1,200 visitors per year takes escorted tours through the gardens, according to Eyestone.

There is no charge to tour the gardens or the conservatory. Parking can be handled in one of two ways. Visitors can get a parking permit at the university or simply locate a spot on a side street. The easiest route from Fort Riley to the gardens is to turn off Kansas Highway 18 to Kansas Highway 113, take a right onto

Clafin Road and then a left onto Denison Avenue. The front gate with a drop-off point will come up quickly.

Hours for the conservatory are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and weekends, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., March through November. For those who want to stroll through the gardens, hours are dawn until midnight, February through November. More information about the Kansas State University Gardens is available by calling 532-3171 or visiting the Web site: www.ksu.edu/gardens

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Volleyball season beginning soon

By Ryan D. Wood
Staff Writer

Balls were flying, kids were diving left and right and the Trooper chant was loud as Fort Riley Middle school held the final day of volleyball tryouts on Tuesday before the final teams were announced for the coming season.

Head Coach Jennifer Bartlett was on hand, along with the five other coaches who will be involved in this year's push for number one. With only one practice session left to impress the coaches and make the squad, athletes hustled and moved through the two-hour practice.

At the end of the day, teams would be announced assigning each athlete to one of three teams, the A/B team, the C/D team or the I team. The I team is a developmental squad which prepares players, who may not have played the game before, to move up onto the higher teams.

"We've had almost 60 girls try out," said Bartlett. "We will end up with about 15-20 kids on the A/B team, 20-25 kids on the C/D team and 20 kids on the I team."

"Any time during the season numbers could change," she said, "because girls can change up or down based on the girls ability and how they are doing on that team."

As the coaches watch the girls through the week of tryouts, they watch for skills and traits that they believe can be shaped into a strong team.

"We choose teams by looking at their ability, if they have played volleyball before and how well they can pass and serve," said Bartlett. "We look for girls that can serve overhand, that are leaders and who have played volleyball before, or at least understand the game of volleyball. We do skills testing in addition to just watching them in practice. We look at how much they hustle, their attitudes and their coachability in trying to figure out our teams."

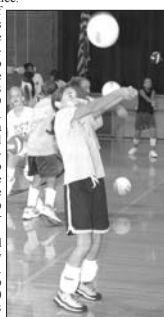
With the season about to begin, Bartlett was pleased with the talent coming out for this years teams and optimistic about the upcoming season.

"Practices have been really good," said Bartlett. "The girls are really enthusiastic. They are hustling, they are trying hard, and they seem to really like volleyball. I think that this has been the best year for as long as I have been here, and this is my fourth year coaching."

With last years difficult season behind her, Bartlett looked forward to the new season and new beginnings.

"Our top team last year struggled a little bit. We didn't have a winning record. But this year, I am looking forward to doing better. We have some leaders returning from last year, and we have some girls that have a little more volleyball experience," said Bartlett. "It's hard because we have girls that move in and out, and sometimes we don't have girls that have played volleyball before. This year I think that we have girls that have at least played the game at other schools before."

Once the teams have been announced, practices will run every day after school, 3:30 - 5:15 p.m. Regular games will be played throughout the season, with tournaments testing the teams' skills. A final tournament sponsored by Fort Riley Middle School is the season capstone, with Riley inviting many local schools to play in the tournament on their home turf.



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Randi Hinkley, Fort Riley Middle School 7th grader, practices ball handling skills on the final day of practice before teams are announced.



Post/Photo

Wildcat Darren Sproles battles his way into the end zone to score six points during the No. 7 ranked Wildcats' home opener against the Troy State Trojans.

Wildcats continue winning streak

By William Biles
Staff Writer

The No. 7 Kansas State Wildcats increased their record to 2 - 0 Saturday by routing the Troy State Trojans, 41 - 5, during a wet, rainy home opener.

Wildcats' Quarterback, Eli Roberson, ran for three touchdowns and threw for 234 yards to lead the 'Cats win over Troy State. Roberson was 9-for-23 with two interceptions and had 69 yards rushing for the Wildcats after they lost their star running back Darren Sproles to an injury late in the first half.

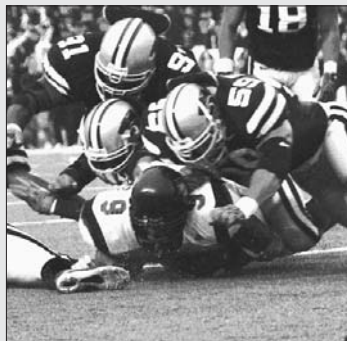
Sproles appeared to be favoring his left leg as he was helped to the locker room after being tackled by the Trojans' Robby Farmer at the end of a 5-yard gain. Sproles left the game with 49 yards on 12 carries.

Kansas State's defense held the Trojans to 138 yards, and just 39 on the ground. The Wildcats had six sacks, two interceptions and recovered a fumble.

Troy State scored, early in the first quarter, with a safety when Mike Wilson's snap sailed over punter Jared Brite's head and went out of the end zone for a safety on the Wildcats opening possession.

Troy State's game-opening safety was the first Kansas State had allowed to an opponent since doing so against Texas Tech on Oct. 21, 2000. It was the Trojans' first time in five years to score a safety, with the last being made against Alabama State, Sept. 5, 1998.

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Troy State tail back DeWhitt Betterson gets smothered by the Kansas State defensive line during a running play at the Wildcats' home opener.

Water, shade key to preventing heatstroke for many pets

K-State Release

None of us would consider wearing a heavy fur coat while spending a day outside in 100-degree heat, yet many pets do exactly that throughout the summer. If your pet is not accustomed to being outside all of the time, heavy fur and summer heat could be a dangerous combination that might cause heatstroke.

Dr. Marjory Artzer, an assistant professor at Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, said it is important to consider what type of

pets you have and what conditions to which they are accustomed to in order to keep them safe when summer temperatures rise.

"If your dog is accustomed to being inside, it is more prone to heatstroke. Dogs that are acclimated to the out of doors will handle the heat much better, but you need to make sure they have plenty of shade, fresh water and ventilation," Artzer said. "Clipping heavy-coated dogs may be beneficial. However, brachycephalic breeds, such as pugs or bulldogs, cannot be kept outside in the summer. They are unable to efficiently regulate their body temperature and are very susceptible to overheating."

"Outdoor cats are typically less confined than dogs and, therefore, have better access to shelter from direct sun. Access to fresh water is vital for outdoor cats," Artzer said.

Artzer explained that heatstroke is a condition that occurs when an animal's body temperature rises too high, usually because of a lack of water, shade or ventilation. Most types of pets release their body heat through panting, but sometimes they can't get rid of the heat quickly enough.

Symptoms of pet heatstroke include increased body temperature, lethargy, excessive panting and difficulty getting up and down. Heatstroke may also cause your pet to go into shock, which may cause unresponsiveness, vomiting, depression and, in extreme cases, seizures.

"If you find a pet with symptoms of heatstroke, immediately try to contact the owner. If your pet exhibits these symptoms, bring it inside to cool it down. It's usually a good idea to put the animal in a cool bath and to give it cool water to drink to bring the body temperature down," Artzer said. "You should call your veterinarian. It can be very difficult to reverse some of the physiological problems of true heatstroke. Your pet may need IV fluids, temperature monitoring and treatment for the symptoms of any secondary problems."

"The bottom line is that you need to make sure your pet has plenty of shade and water. Keep your pet inside if it's not used to being outside," she said.

Hunting season on Fort Riley underway, looks to be promising

By Gibran Suleiman
DES Biologist

September is usually the month when the casual fishermen retire their fishing rods and break out their shotguns and rifles. For the most part, the 2003 hunting season looks promising for Fort Riley hunters.

The hunting season kicks off Sept. 1 with the opening of dove season. During the previous season, hunters harvested 614 doves. This year, hunters should keep their eyes peeled for small leg bands on any dove they harvest.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has been band-

ing doves throughout the summer as part of a nationwide study. Anyone who harvests a banded dove should report the number on the band to any KDWP office.

Shortly after dove season opens, so does prairie chicken season. The state prairie chicken season runs Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. Fort Riley offers some of the best greater prairie chicken hunting on public land in the world. Last year, hunters harvested 40 chickens, with the majority being taken in September.

The early teal season runs Sept. 13 - 28. The number of teal harvested on Fort Riley is typically low. Some blue-winged teal can be found on ponds and wetlands in

the maneuver areas.

October brings the main duck season, which is Oct. 11 - Dec. 14

is Oct. 1. Last year hunters harvested 61 turkeys during the season. Unlike the spring season,

there is no drawing for the fall season.

Archery deer season will run Oct. 1 - Dec. 2 and Dec. 15 - 31. There will be a special youth and disabled hunt Sept. 27 and 28.

November 8 marks the start of the 2003 quail and pheasant season. According to spring call counts done by the Conservation Division, quail numbers are continuing to improve, but pheasant numbers dipped slightly. The state

will release their forecast sometime in September. Last year 361 quail and 41 pheasants were harvested. There will be a special youth hunt this year before the regular season begins. It will occur Nov. 1 and 2.

Several items have changed this year concerning the fort's deer season. One change is in the early muzzleloader season, which is Sept. 13 - 26. This season is only for traditional muzzleloaders. No inline muzzleloaders or scopes can be used during the season. However, there is no drawing for the muzzleloader season. Anyone with a valid state tag and Fort Riley Hunting and Fishing license may hunt. Another change

for 2003 is that in areas M, L and P, only shotguns and muzzleloaders will be allowed. This will allow a safer environment for hunters since this area traditionally receives the highest hunting pressure. Applications for the either sex deer tags will be accepted Oct. 1 - 31. The drawing will be held Nov. 3. Antlerless tags will be handed out, one per person, on a first come, first serve basis starting Oct. 1, 8 a.m.

All hunters should take the time to familiarize themselves with all of Fort Riley's regulations concerning hunting. If you have any questions, call the Conservation Division, 239-6211.

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and Dec. 26 - Jan. 3. Most of the ducks harvested on Fort Riley come from the Kansas and Republican rivers, but some come from the coves on Milford Lake.

Last year hunters harvested 135 ducks and geese on Fort Riley. Canada geese can be harvested Oct. 18 and 19 and Nov. 1 - Jan. 23. The majority of geese taken on the fort are along the Kansas and Republican rivers. The start of the fall turkey season





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The Information, Ticketing and Registration office is located in building 6918, across from the PX. ITR hours of operation are Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and the office is closed on federal holidays. For further information, call ITR, 239-5614 or 239-4415. Check out the Department of Army Leisure Travel website, www.offdutytravel.com, for more great deals on travel. ITR services and discount attractions tickets are available to active duty military, retirees, National Guard, reservists, Department of Army Civilians and family members.

Disney Cruise Line

There is a new stage show aboard Disney cruise ships. The Golden Mickeys premiered aboard the Disney Wonder Aug. 28 and is coming soon on the Disney Magic. The show combines live-action theatre with film, video, music and colorful

pyrotechnics in a toe-tapping salute to Walt Disney and his legacy of classic animated films. The most technically sophisticated stage-show at sea, The Golden Mickeys is the newest performance in the line-up of original Disney musicals aboard the Disney Cruise Line. The new, character-filled, musical review uses all the glitz and glamour of an awards show to honor the wonderful-animated films and characters that have entertained millions for more than 75 years.

Renaissance Festival

Step back into a time when lords and ladies ruled the land at the Renaissance Festival of Kansas City. A time when knights clad in shining armor took to battle for a lady's honor. Where jesters, minstrels and rogues entertained throughout the village in hopes of a day's wages. All this and more can be found at the Renaissance Festival, weekends

only. The festival runs for seven glorious weekends each autumn featuring a different theme each weekend. The adventure began Labor Day weekend in Bonner Springs...just minutes and 500 years from downtown Kansas City. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Six Flags Over Texas

Towering way, way, way over Texas is the newest and tallest adventure, Superman, Tower of Power! You will soar like the man of steel as you turbo rocket up and blast down as fast as a speeding bullet. It's the thrill of a lifetime and it's only at Six Flags Over Texas. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Armed Forces Vacation Club

Now you can enjoy resort accommodations for two to six

people for less than you would pay for most hotels! While most availability is during off-peak travel seasons, there are a wide variety of great destinations and times.

Reserve a full week for only \$249. Stop by ITR for further information.

Worlds of Fun

Mortals Beware of a new era of scare every Saturday and Sunday from Sept. 20 through Oct. 26. Worlds of Fun will be transformed for HalloWeekends - a frightening festival of new thrills and chills. Mischievous ghouls will materialize on the midways and the park will be decked out in its most fearful finery to celebrate a season of haunts.

HalloWeekends is a Boo Blast for the entire family. Trick-or-Treat town is a make-believe street where little ghosts are treated to goodies as they stop by the storefronts.

Worlds of Fun will show older fright seekers a new meaning of fear at the 3-D Carnival of Carnivorous Clowns located in Freak Street. This walk through is rated SP for Scare the Pants Right OFF of You!

Worlds of Fun is open weekends only through Oct 26. Discount tickets are available through ITR.

Kansas State Football

It's Game Time! The Wildcats have been to 10 straight bowl games, including last year's win over Arizona State in the Pacific Life Holiday Bowl. A Fort Riley salute is scheduled for tomorrow and discount tickets are available through ITR.

Kansas City Chiefs

Experience the excitement of NFL football with the Kansas City Chiefs. Limited tickets are available through ITR. Tickets are \$60

without transportation and \$80 with transportation. Grab some friends and tailgate at Arrowhead stadium.

Support your favorite team. The home game schedule includes: Sunday - San Diego Chargers, Sept. 14 - Pittsburgh Steelers, Oct. 5 - Denver Broncos, Oct. 26 - Buffalo Bills, Nov. 9 - Cleveland Browns.

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Sunday:

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Pirates of the Caribbean (PG-13)

Thursday:

7 p.m.
Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (PG-13)

Ticket prices:
Adults - \$3
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Troy State's 26-yard field goal by Thomas Olmsted gave the Trojans a 5 - 0 lead.

After that, the rest of the points added to the board were those of the 'Cats.

Roberson's scoring runs of one yard, 10 yards and another one yard came in the second quarter and gave Kansas State a 27-5 lead, with still over seven minutes left in the half.

During the third quarter neither team added points to their score. Roberson's 57-yard strike to Davin Dennis made it 41-5 early in the fourth, and that was the last

the score would change.

The Wildcats have now won 14 straight home openers, while the Trojans have dropped the last three of their season openers to a Big 12 Conference school (Nebraska, 0-2, and Kansas State, 0-1).

Although the weather was rainy, it didn't hinder the Wildcats performance as much as Troy State's defensive line.

"We practice in the rain," said Head Coach Bill Snyder. "We ought to be able to play better in the rain. Troy State had a lot to do with the fact that we weren't as

productive as we would have liked. But we had a lot to do with that as well. They put us in a position where we were going to have to throw the ball constantly. I really didn't want to do that, but that's the position they put us in."

Snyder had kind words for the Trojans.

"Troy State is for real. They are well-coached and played hard all the time. If you were watching closely, you never saw anyone give up. They played every bit as hard on the last snap as they did on the first. This is a good football team and they can do a lot of

things," said Snyder.

Even some of the Wildcat players commended the Trojans and stated how it took big plays from their team to capture the lead and the game.

"You've got to give Troy State credit. They came out and tried to play, and they played hard," said Andrew Shull, Wildcat defensive end. "They were up 5-0, and we were down there in our own territory, and we were just trying to fight them. We did a good job having some guys step up and make big plays."

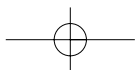
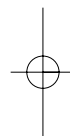
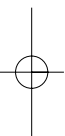
The 'Cats play the McNeese State Cowboys for the first time Saturday at KSU Stadium.

Saturday is also Fort Riley Day at the game, and the post will have a Humvee and Fort Riley Honor Guard display in the north parking lots beginning at 4 p.m. A color guard will present the national colors just prior to kick off. During half time festivities, 16 soldiers will unfurl the Garrison Flag as the KSU band plays patriotic music and a historic slide show appears on the jumbotron. Game time is 6:10 p.m.

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